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Leicester, June 15/62.

Dear Burleigh;

I cannot say, at this time beforehand, whether I shall want to go to Boston, or not, from the Grove on the 4th July;- but probably, not, But there will be reduced fares on the B. & W. Road & its branches on that day, to & fr. the Grove;- 70 cts. Wor. to Grove & return.- But if the arrangement I am endeavoring to make for you be carried out, that will not help you much, unless you can 'commute' with some other person. I have been writing to our Hopedale friends to see if you can have an opp. to speak in their Church on Sunday 6th, and at Milford Village later in the day. If that can be effected, I

shall propose a lecture for you at Upton on Satr. evening, 5th inst.

We have never attempted to make any arrangement with the Western R. R.d. people to carry at reduced rates ~~that day~~ on the 4th inst. I doubt if we could gather eno' friends between Worc.r & Springf.d & its neighborhood to make it any object to that Road. - Besides, as you wouldn't return that day, it would not help you, if we were to have such agreement.

I shall do my best to get you a Sunday meeting somewhere, and have little doubt that I can. I have desired the Hopedale friends to reply to me (in Boston) without loss of time; and if

that Ms. should fail, I will promptly notify you. — I should next try for Worcester, in which case you could lecture, Sat. eve., here.

I am sorry to hear of the slow progress of the Report. I hope, dear C., you will so well consider these repeated failures as to time, and the many delays to which you are inevitably subjected, that you will, with regard to our next occurring Anniversary, take time by the forelock, & have all done in season. I hope to see, in the flesh, our Report come to time once more.

The Comtee would not have you (I am confident,) expend too great an amt. of time in efforts at mere condensation.

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— It was not as an interrupte
to the Report, but as a relief to you
(as well as a pleasure to us,) that
asked you to the 4th July Meeting, and
in the end, a help to the Repat. Eav
hoping that its completion may not be
very much longer protracted, I rem

Very Sincerely, Yr. friend
Saml. Mayr.

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